

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph commencing on line 6 of page 11 as follows:

In order to avoid significant capillary forces being generated by immersion liquid 5 filling the gap between the bottom of the barrier member 10 and the top of the substrate W, the bottom of the barrier member is, in an embodiment, at least 50  $\mu\text{m}$  from the substrate W. In an embodiment, the distance 30 is substantially 100  $\mu\text{m}$  or substantially 150  $\mu\text{m}$ . A distance 30 of over 300  $\mu\text{m}$  (even 400  $\mu\text{m}$ ) may not be uncommon, for instance during scanning of sensors 70. These are typical distances if the immersion liquid is water. The required distance may be different for other liquids. The barrier member 10 may be moveable in the Z axis 40 such that the distance 30 between the substrate W (or any other object) and the barrier member 10 can be adjusted. The barrier member may also be moveable about one or more axes substantially perpendicular to the Z axis 40 such that the tilt between the substrate W (or any other object) and the barrier member 10 can be adjusted. Alternatively or in addition, the substrate table WT may be moveable in the Z axis 40 to adjust the distance 30 between the substrate W (or any other object) and the barrier member 10 and/or moveable about one or more axes substantially perpendicular to the Z axis 40 to adjust a tilt between the substrate W (or any other object) and the barrier member 10.